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cc:

The Honorable Edgardo Ramos United States District Judge United States Courthouse 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: Fernandez-Rodriguez et al. v. Licon-Vitale, No. 20 Civ. 3315 (ER)

Dear Judge Ramos:

This Office represents respondent Marti Licon-Vitale ("Respondent"), in her official capacity as Warden of the Metropolitan Correctional Center ("MCC"), with respect to the above-referenced petition for habeas corpus brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. We write respectfully to request a three-week extension of the previously set discovery deadlines to permit MCC to complete gathering information responsive to petitioners' requests. Petitioners do not object to this request. The extension is needed because of vacation and other scheduling issues that have affected MCC's ability to provide the relevant information and documents. Should this request be granted, the proposed new deadline for Respondent to provide written responses to interrogatories and document requests would be **September 21, 2020**, and Respondent's production of responsive documents would be substantially completed by **October 6, 2020**, except to the extent that search and production of emails is delayed as a result of discussions regarding search terms, or due to the volume or other complicating issues relating to responsive materials. The parties' joint letter regarding the need for further discovery would be due on **October 26, 2020**.

We thank the Court for its consideration of these matters.

Respectfully,

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